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2 our service, that the impression of the judiciary which
3 people meet at this particular level should be a good
4 one. I think in order to do that we have to eliminate
5 the political patronage system which now goes hand in
6 hand with this particular level of the judiciary.

7 Consequently, I would urge that the control of
8 the appointment not be placed in the hands of the General
9 Assembly where the jobs are parceled out on a patronage
10 basis and where the individual pressure from the individual
11 legislator who has so many appointments of committing
12 magistrates can interfere with the due process of justice.

13 I would submit it is a far better thing to remove
14 from the political arena this particular aspect of the
15 judicial activity and put it in the hands of disinterested
16 parties. For that reason, I would urge defeat of the
17 amendment.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: The time allowed for debate
19 under the schedule having expired we are ready for a vote.
20 Before taking the vote, I ask the clerk to sound the
21 quorum bell.

For what purpose does Delegate Gilchrist rise?